

DEVELOPING A MEDICATION “TAKE BACK PROGRAM” IN AN OUTPATIENT SETTING

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HOW WE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Read about “Take Back Programs” in NCPA journal and used resources mentioned and the necessary steps outlined to get program up and running



STEPS TAKEN

1. Contacted regulatory agencies to determine any laws and regulations that would impact the program
(contact info on later slide)
 - Colorado State Board of Pharmacy
 - DEA
2. Contacted our reverse distributor (Guaranteed Returns) to discuss whether or not they would be able to dispose of the medications we would receive in this program. They could not.
3. The hospital was working with Clean Harbors as their waste disposal partner so we became part of that. All of the “Take Back” meds are household hazardous waste (HHW) except inhalers which are handled separately



STEPS (cont'd)

4. Held a meeting with local law enforcement (both county and city), Eagle County HHW department and Eagle River Water & Sanitation. All were very excited and offered any and all help in getting this off the ground.
5. Biggest obstacle was the DEA regulation (see handout).
6. Spoke with other pharmacies that were listed in the journal
7. Decided what items we were willing to accept
8. Developed an implementation plan and P&P's (see handout)
 - Which receptacle we wanted to use (DVault-info to follow) and where to place it.
 - Training of staff



STEPS (cont'd)

9. Marketing

- Newspaper ads (see handout)
- Bag stuffers (see handout)
- Newspaper article
- Info on website



VOLUME

We gather about 1x 5 gallon/month unless we do a special marketing promotion (Health Fair, Nat'l Take Back Day)



COSTS

Disposal bin: apprx. \$650

Labor to get program set up: ??

Marketing- flyers, newspaper, radio, TV etc: ??

(we have run co-op ads with our partners in
this – Eagle Water & Eagle County HHW)

Cost per 5 gallon pick up: \$45 plus transport fees



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Colorado State Board of Pharmacy:

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DEA : Diversion Group Supervisor

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DVault:

<http://www.takebackexpress.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=DVSC0024-SLD-4&Show=ExtInfo>

Clean Harbors: 303.371.1100 (Denver office)

www.cleanharbors.com

National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)

<http://www.ncpanet.org/>

800-544-7447

